

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) An automatic anchoring device for the securement of objects into sand, grass, or other malleable surfaces comprising:
 - a. a main tube ;
 - b. an anchor screw;
 - c. an inside assembly comprised of components that fit together to form one mechanism inside the main tube;
 - d. a reinforcement ring and a securing nut proximately placed near the top of the main tube;
 - e. the main tube further comprises a carrying handle, a carrying handle channel, an extract and retract lock button and corresponding extract and retract ports;
 - ~~f~~e. whereby said inside assembly comprises a power drive, a gear reduction box, and a power drive stabilizer and positioning cone;
 - ~~g~~f. whereby said power drive comprises a rechargeable battery, a DC electric motor and a three-function power switch;
 - ~~h~~g. whereby said anchor screw affixes to said power drive;
 - ~~i~~h. whereby depressing said three-function power switch engages said DC electric motor, which in turn rotates said anchor screw into and out of said surface; and
 - ~~j~~i. whereby said reinforcement ring and securing nut can ~~secures any device~~ an umbrella of an appropriate diameter into said anchoring device.
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim ~~3~~1 wherein a three-function power switch channel acts as a safety device whereby said three-function power switch can only be in the forward or reverse position when the anchor screw is fully extended.
5. (original) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim 4 wherein a safety nose is affixed to the end of the main tube to help prevent the accidental intake of any material between the main tube and the anchor screw.
6. (original) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim 5 wherein said anchor screw is comprised of a plurality of helical tapers.
7. (original) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim 6 wherein an umbrella is secured with a securing nut to the topmost portion of the main tube.
8. (canceled)
9. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim ~~8~~7, wherein said inside assembly can be removed for maintenance purposes by adjusting a safety nose setscrew.
10. (currently amended) An automatic anchoring device for the securement of objects into sand, grass, or other malleable surfaces comprising:
 - a. a main tube comprising a carrying handle, a carrying handle channel ~~and~~, an-extract and /retract lock buttons and corresponding extract and retract ports;
 - b. an anchor screw comprised of a plurality of helical tapers;
 - c. an inside assembly comprised of components that fit together to form one mechanism inside the main tube;
 - d. a reinforcement ring and a securing nut proximately placed near the top of the main tube;
 - e. whereby said inside assembly comprises a power drive, a gear reduction box, and a power drive stabilizer and positioning cone;
 - f. whereby said power drive comprises a rechargeable battery, a DC electric motor and a three-function power switch;
 - g. whereby said anchor screw affixes to said power drive;

- h. whereby depressing said three-function power switch engages said DC electric motor, which in turn rotates said anchor screw into and out of said surface;
- i. whereby said reinforcement ring and securing nut secures any device of an appropriate diameter into said anchoring device;
- j. a three-function power switch channel acts as a safety device whereby said three-function power switch can only be in the forward or reverse position when the anchor screw is fully extended;
- k. a safety nose is affixed to the end of the main tube to help prevent the accidental intake of any material between the main tube and the anchor screw; and
- l. an umbrella ~~is~~ can be secured with a securing nut to the topmost portion of the main tube.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim ~~11~~ 10 wherein said inside assembly can be removed for maintenance purposes by adjusting a safety nose setscrew.

13. (new) The automatic anchoring device as claimed in claim 10 wherein a fishing rod can be secured with a securing nut to the topmost portion of the main tube instead of the umbrella.

14. (new) An automatic anchoring device for the securement of objects into sand, grass, or other malleable surfaces comprising:

- a. a main tube;
- b. an anchor screw;
- c. an inside assembly comprised of components that fit together to form one mechanism inside the main tube;
- d. a reinforcement ring and a securing nut proximately placed near the top of the main tube;
- e. the main tube further comprises a carrying handle, a carrying handle channel, an extract and retract lock button and corresponding extract and retract ports;

- f. whereby said inside assembly comprises a power drive, a gear reduction box, and a power drive stabilizer and positioning cone;
- g. whereby said power drive comprises a rechargeable battery, a DC electric motor and a three-function power switch;
- h. whereby said anchor screw affixes to said power drive;
- i. whereby depressing said three-function power switch engages said DC electric motor, which in turn rotates said anchor screw into and out of said surface; and
- j. whereby said reinforcement ring and securing nut can secure a fishing rod of an appropriate diameter into said anchoring device.